

Vision:

Our Vision is to improve public safety by leading and promoting collaboration and professionalism in the criminal justice system.

Mission:

The mission of the King County Sheriff's Office is to provide quality, professional, regional and local law enforcement services tailored to the needs of individual communities to improve the quality of life.

Goals:

Maintain safe and healthy communities by reducing crime and the fear of crime; effectively responding to critical incidents; and improving traffic safety.

Build trust and support within the community groups, government, and the profession that we serve.

Provide accountable and cost-effective law enforcement services.

Promote a highly skilled workforce.

Service Awards 2004

Deputy of the Year

MPO Chad Mulligan

Detective of the Year

Detective Mark Hayden

Employee of the Year

Rebecca Connolly

Explorer of the Year

Explorer Nick Hartsock

Reserve Deputy of the Year

Reserve Deputy John Hosey

Volunteer of the Year

Pam Odegard

Sheriff's Medal

Det. Mike Broderick

Dep. Mike Janasz

Det. Steve Johnson

Det. Jose Marengo

Dep. Coulson Young

Blue Star Award & Sheriff's Medal

Dep. Rick Bowen

Det. John Grose

Det. Guy Herndon

Det. Patrick Kearney

Commander's Award

Dep. Wendy Billingsley

Dep. Shannon Green

Lifesaver Award

Detective Isaac Patino

Meritorious Service Award

Sgt. Robert Baxter

Kathryn Barnes

Det. Kristi Bridgman

Mr. Bill Casey

CSO Dahlia Corona

Mary Doyle

Sgt. J.T. Gehrke

Sue Gordon

Sgt. Jim Gray

Sgt. Bryan Howard

Det. Kirsten Ison

Steve Lagreid

Sgt. Henry McLauchlan

Mr. Jerry Robertson

Det. Brad Smith

Sgt. Roger Thompson (ret.)

CSO Peter Truong

Washington State Medal of Honor (Posthumous)

Deputy Raymond C. Scott

Deputy Norman F. Silkworth

DAVID G. REICHERT
8TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE ON
HOMELAND SECURITY

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4708

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1223 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-4708
TEL: (202) 225-7761
FAX: (202) 225-4262

DISTRICT OFFICE:
2737 78TH AVE., SE, SUITE 202
MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040
(206) 275-3438
(206) 275-3437

To the Citizens of King County:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, the citizens of King County, for the privilege of serving for over 32 years in the finest Sheriff's Office in the United States. It is hard to believe that only a few short months ago that I was the King County Sheriff. My career in the KCSO has been more personally and professionally rewarding than I ever imagined when I started in 1972. And I could not be more proud, and grateful, for a wonderful law enforcement career in King County.

To the men and women of the King County Sheriff's Office, I want to thank you for the honor of being able to serve along side you through the years. Your dedication to public safety and your commitment to public service have inspired me throughout my career.

I firmly believe that the Office of the Sheriff is critical to the safety and security of our region. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, the Sheriff is responsible and accountable to the citizens, the local and regional governments and every police officer in the county. There remain many challenges to public safety and the Sheriff is the one *independent* law enforcement voice who can speak on behalf of the citizens to address the crimes and criminals of the 21st century. I believe the Sheriff is a public office worth preserving and protecting.

I am honored to be able to continue in public service, and I pledge to you, the citizens of King County, that your safety, security and the quality of life we all enjoy, will always remain my first priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Reichert".

David G. Reichert
Member, United States Congress
8th Congressional District of Washington
King County Sheriff's Office, Retired

Sheriff Sue Rahr was sworn in on January 4, 2005.



Sheriff's Message

Dear King County Residents,

It is my honor and privilege to serve you as the King County Sheriff in 2005. I have spent my entire 26-year career with the King County Sheriff's Office, and am extremely proud to now lead an organization with a long-standing tradition of integrity and service excellence.

This publication will give you a summary of our accomplishments for 2004. Additionally, you can find important crime data and other related King County Sheriff's Office information for the year.

On December 31 of 2004, we said farewell to former Sheriff Dave Reichert as he retired from this office to continue his life of public service as a

United States Congressman. The men and women of the King County Sheriff's Office are grateful to Dave for re-establishing the office of the elected Sheriff and for helping to institutionalize a foundation of core values for the organization.

But much work remains. We must stay focused on reducing crime and the fear of crime. We must continue to build relationships in the community to help us fight the new crimes of the 21st century: methamphetamine manufacture and abuse and the collateral crimes that drive the meth economy, cyber crime, fraud and identity theft. Domestic violence, sexual assault and crimes against children and senior citizens also require an unwavering vigilance.

To ensure that our county remains one of the safest in America, we must continue to collaborate with all members of our communities to build a seamless public safety web. As a community safety team in the

21st century, we share responsibilities. Together, we must be prepared to respond to any natural disaster or threat to our national security. It takes all of us working together to achieve that goal. With all of the challenges we face, I believe community spirit and resolve will prevail.

Finally, it is our responsibility to constantly earn and maintain the public trust..... *your* trust. It is a responsibility that we take very seriously and I sincerely hope that we will continue to earn the support and encouragement of the citizens of King County as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Rahr".

Susan L. Rahr
King County Sheriff

Public Safety is the Sheriff's Office Top Priority

Ensuring the safety of people in King County is our top priority. The King County Sheriff's Office aims to do this in a respectful manner based on our core values of leadership, integrity, service, and teamwork. We provide local law enforcement for unincorporated areas, twelve cities, and other contract

2004 Staffing

Sworn Officers:	717.00
Professional Staff:	366.50

2004 Population Served

Contract Cities	219,660
Unincorporated	356,795
Total	576,455
Regional Services	1.7 million

jurisdictions/agencies, as well as regional services throughout the county.

Our broad array of services helps us to meet community needs and fulfill our responsibility to provide access to professional police services to all residents of King County.

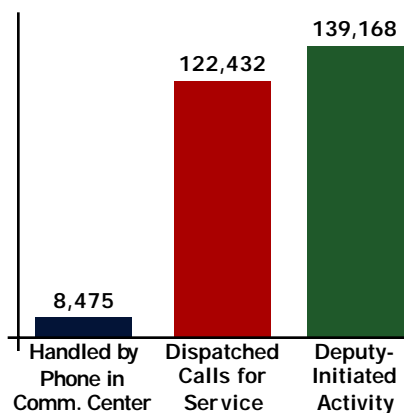
Our service area is diverse, including urban centers, suburban cities, and rural communities.

We aim to meet needs of each area with the right balance of people, services, and cost.

Responding Quickly to Citizens throughout King County

In 2004, our personnel were dispatched to over 122,000 calls for service.

- Communications Center employees handled many reports by phone.
- Deputies initiated other police actions such as traffic enforcement or emergency response.



On average, we arrived at the highest priority 911 calls for service in 4 minutes and 8 seconds.

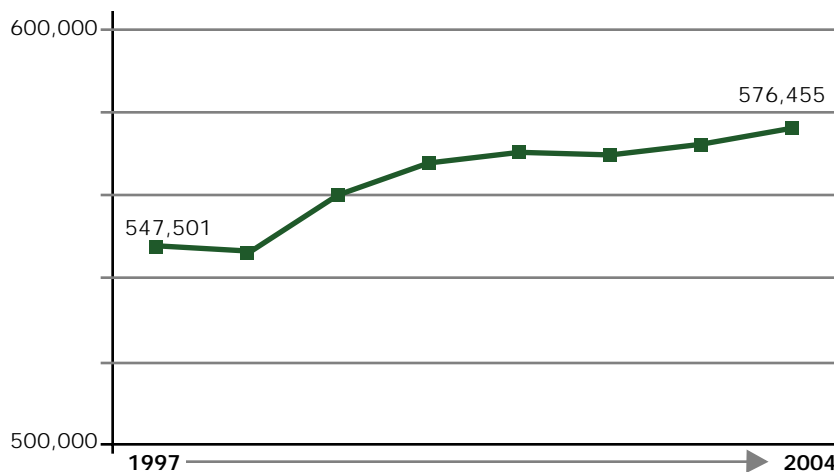
We responded to 42 percent of incidents in under 17 minutes.

Sheriff's Office Crime Summary

Offense	2003	2004	Change
Part I Offenses	19,702	20,980	6.5%
Part II Offenses*	20,568	20,537	-0.2%
Breakdown of Part I Offenses			
Criminal Homicide	21	23	9.5%
Forcible Rape, incl. attempts	199	243	22.1%
Robbery	399	409	2.5%
Aggravated Assault	684	631	-7.7%
Burglary (Commercial)	1,101	1,308	18.8%
Burglary (Residential)	3,020	3,161	4.7%
Larceny (Over \$250)	4,678	4,851	3.7%
Larceny (Under \$250)	5,744	6,415	11.7%
Vehicle Theft	3,536	3,624	2.5%
Arson	320	315	-1.6%

* All offenses that are not listed as Part I Offenses.

Total Population Served



Activity Summary

Category	2003	2004	Change
Adult Charges/Arrests	11,836	11,378	-3.9%
Juvenile Charges/Arrests	2,458	2,108	-14.2%
Traffic Enforcement	50,605	49,810	-1.6%
Officers Assaulted	52	42	-19.2%
Gang Related Incidents	392	194	-50.5%
Dom. Violence Related Incidents	5,188	4,694	-9.5%
Hate Crimes/Malicious Harassment Reports	38	29	-23.7%

Part I and Part II offenses are defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

Uniform crime reporting is a collective effort on the part of city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime.

Agencies throughout the country provide summarized reports on eight Part I offenses known to law enforcement and reports on persons arrested.

For more information about this program or for comparative data, visit www.waspc.org/wucrwibr/ or www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm.

Crime Has Been Decreasing for Several Years

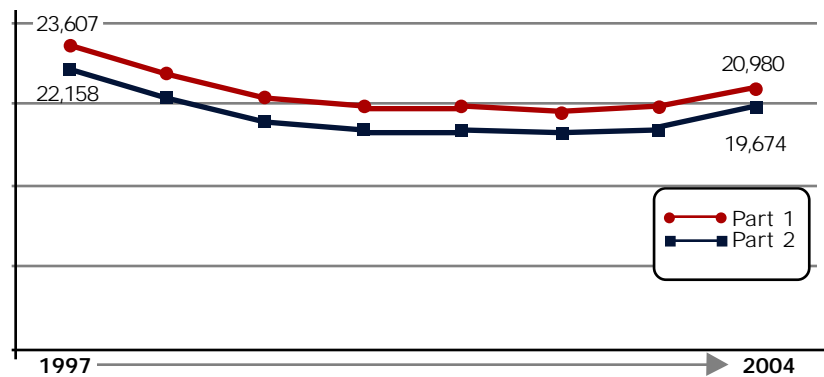
General Crime Trends

There has been little change in the amount of crime in King County and our cities over the past eight years (1997-2004). There are a number of reasons for this, including changes we have implemented to combat crime including Community Oriented Policing, creating a Domestic Violence Intervention Unit, reallocating resources to the Special Assault Unit, active participation in Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), pioneering regional information sharing, and working collaboratively with our fellow law enforcement agencies in several task forces.

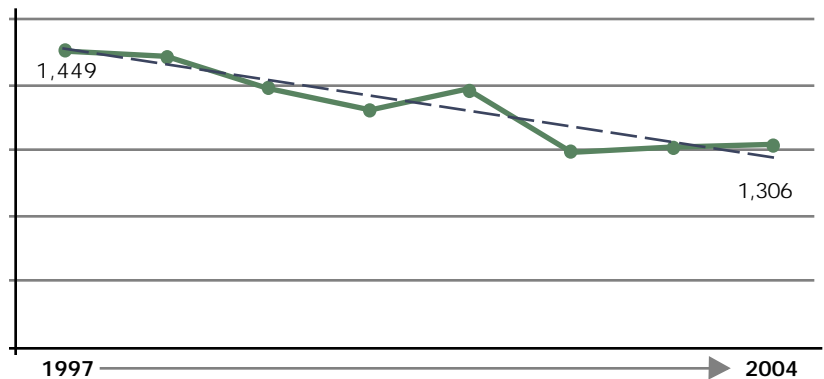
Violent crime in unincorporated King County and our contract cities has been on a slight downward trend for the last several years. Between 2003 and 2004 there was a slight increase in rapes and robberies, but a continued decline in aggravated assaults.

While the long-term trend for **property crimes** is slightly downward, the last few years show increasing numbers. Vehicle theft has been a chronic problem in portions of our jurisdiction. Drug addiction -- especially illegal methamphetamine -- and alcohol abuse are significant drivers for crimes like burglary, larceny, fraud, auto theft, identity theft and domestic violence.

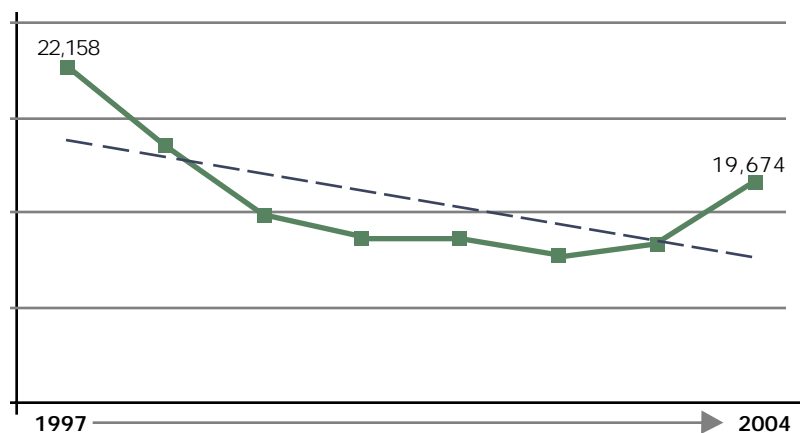
All Part I and 2 Crimes, 1997 - 2004



Part I Violent Crimes, 1997 - 2004



Part 2 Property Crimes, 1997 - 2004



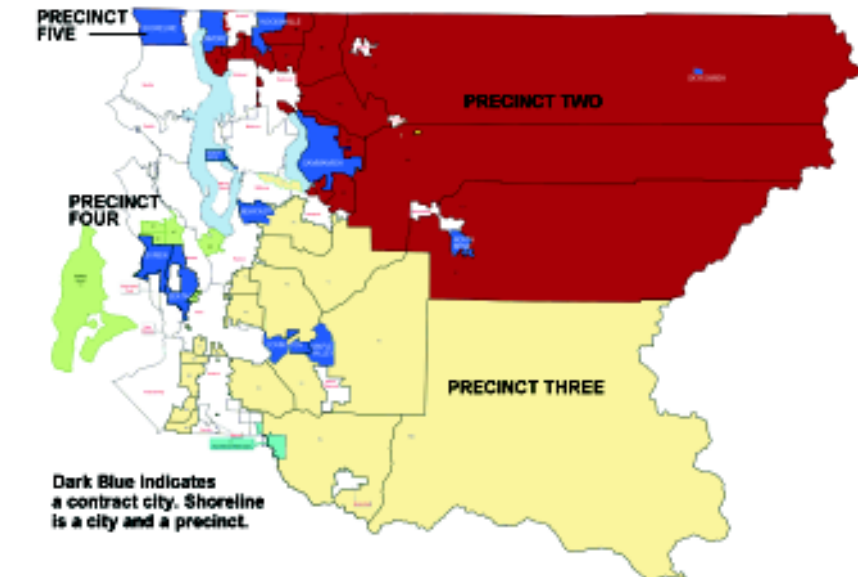
Crime by Precinct

The King County Sheriff's Office is responsible for a large and diverse jurisdiction. As shown on the map, our service area is divided into four precincts, and each precinct is divided into patrol districts. The contract cities and Muckleshoot Tribe are part of their local precinct, and have at least one patrol district each. Most crime activity is measured at the patrol district level.

Patrol districts and cities show significant variations in population, geography, character, and crime concerns. Precinct commanders and contract police chiefs allocate resources to address local issues at the community level.

Precinct Two (red area) is located in northern King County. It covers nearly 970 square miles with a population of 190,000 people. It is largely suburban and rural in character. Although violent crime is declining, larcenies and vehicle theft are showing an increase over the last couple of years.

Precinct Three (yellow area) is located in the east and southern part of King County. It covers over 700 square miles with a population of more than 218,000 people. While there are urban portions of this precinct, it has a significant rural character. Rape and robbery rates



We allocate resources to address issues at the community level.

have increased slightly in recent years. Residential burglary and vehicle theft are on the rise in Precinct Three. This area of the county is particularly prone to illegal methamphetamine labs.

Precinct Four (green area) is located in the west and southern part of King County. It is approximately 65 square miles with a population of more than 113,000 people. With the exception of Vashon Island, the precinct is primarily urban. While the overall violent crime trend is flat, there have been some fluctuations in robbery incidents. Property crimes are mostly flat except for larceny (many of which are car prowls/

break-ins), which has increased in each of the last three years.

Precinct Five is located in the north and eastern part of King County. It is approximately 12 square miles with a population of over 50,000 people. While portions of the city are residential in nature, the precinct is primarily urban in nature with a significant commercial and transportation corridor. The overall violent crime trend is showing small increases. Property crimes show an increase during the last four years; auto theft and residential burglaries have had the most noticeable upward trend.

We Value the Opinions of King County Citizens

The King County Sheriff's Office has surveyed residents of unincorporated King County every third year since 1998. The unincorporated areas include Four Creeks, Greater Maple Valley, North Highline, Vashon-Maury Island, Upper Bear Creek, and West Hill.



In 2004, a total of 605 interviews were conducted in six unincorporated areas of King County.

Four cities -- Burien, Kenmore, Shoreline, and Woodinville -- also participated in the survey.

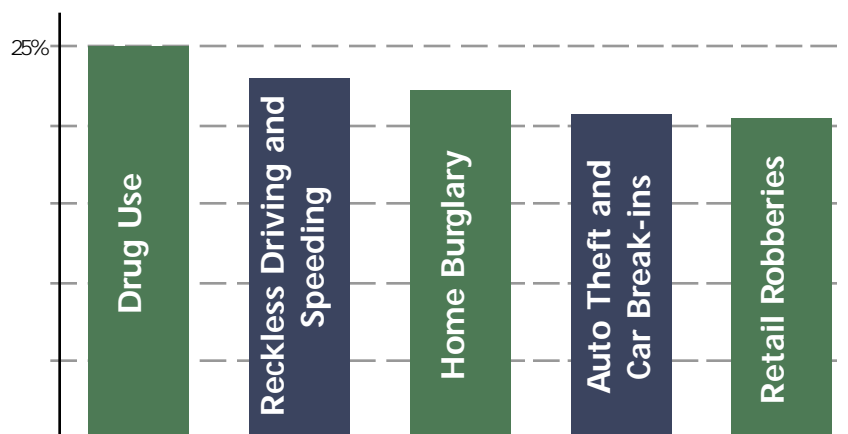
Respondents report feeling very safe at home and in their neighborhood.... Nearly all respondents (94%) feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood during the day and three-quarters (74%) feel safe being outside and alone in their neighborhood at night.

Respondents' feeling of safety has scarcely varied since 2001.

Seven in ten respondents feel that the level of crime in their area has remained the same and an additional 10% feel crime has decreased.

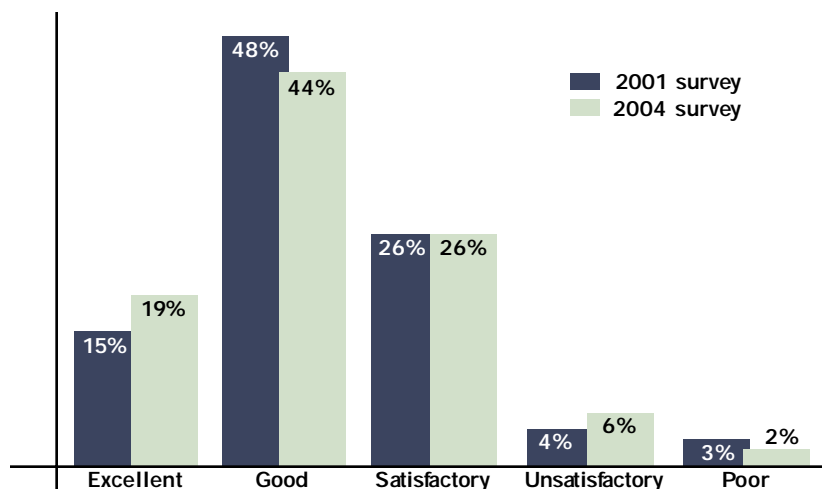
Respondents indicate their top areas of concern are auto theft, speeding, burglaries and robberies, and illicit drug usage. At least half of surveyed unincorporated area respondents consider speeding, car break-ins and burglary to be a major or a moderate problem in their community.

Respondents are concerned about these crimes in their communities.



People seek police help to solve problems... Respondents are inclined to seek government or neighborhood involvement when addressing neighborhood problems. For example, if a neighbor were having trouble with rowdy teenagers parking in front of their residence, 57% would work with the neighbor to solve the problem and 32% would call the police.

Citizens consistently report high satisfaction with the Sheriff's Office police services.



Residents agreed that improving crime prevention is an appropriate way to solve crime. Further, respondents were amenable to crime-solving actions such as establishing block watches, increasing school programs, more or better law enforcement, establishing or increasing Citizen Advisory Boards, increasing communication (e.g., web tools), having more community meetings or having more police.

Respondents are satisfied with their police... The majority of respondents are satisfied with the general police services provided to them and are also satisfied with the manner in which the police conduct their work. Almost two-thirds of respondents generally think their police are doing an excellent or good job and another 26% believe the police are performing at a satisfactory level.

Most respondents also believe that the police conduct their work in a professional manner, giving us high marks for courtesy, honesty, concern, fairness, for working with citizens, and for treating people equally.

Given the chance to make one or two changes to their current police services, respondents most often recommend increasing police staffing or the number of patrols, increasing the visibility of police or increasing

the level of communication between the police and the community.

Interactions with police are positive... Just over half of those who interacted with the police say the police were very effective or effective. A majority of the respondents who reported an interaction say the police were polite, respectful, made an effort to understand the problem, and responded faster than expected.

Citizens recommend these changes most often:
Increasing police staffing or the number of patrols, Increasing the visibility of police, or Increasing the level of communication between the police and the community.

We Partnered With Other Agencies and the Community to Get Drugs and Guns Off the Streets

In 2004, we continued our participation in joint law enforcement/community task forces to address the problems of guns and drugs. Sheriff's Office deputies worked

deployment, Federal law enforcement worked with SeaTac, Des Moines, Tukwila, and King County Sheriff personnel making 147 arrests in South King County. Again, violent criminals and several guns were taken off the street. Both deployments successfully reduced violent crime.

Then, the "weed" portion worked in collaboration with the "seed" group represented by community organizations like *Making Connections* to:

- Reduce violent and drug related crime, substance abuse, and related crimes.
- Reduce youth involvement in criminal gang activity.
- Increase partnerships and community involvement in crime prevention to reduce the incidence of violent and drug related crimes, and youth gang involvement.
- Reduce participation in violent crime, illegal gang, and drug activities.
- Encourage business and resident investment by restoring a sense of safety and security in the community.

Deputies and community members used proven community-policing techniques to address gangs and violent crime.

with the DEA, FBI, ATF, and Seattle Police to address drug problems in Southwest King County.

This Mobile Enforcement Team (MET) deployment focused on the problems of street level drug sales and related violent crime. There were 70 arrests, weapons were confiscated, and violent offenders were held accountable. In a second MET

We partnered with the City of Seattle and community groups on a federally funded "Weed and Seed" effort in southwest Seattle and the northern part of White Center (unincorporated King County).

The deputies and officers worked together on the "weed" side of the equation by using proven community-policing techniques to address drugs, gangs, and violent crime.

Reductions in auto theft, burglary, and other theft have already been realized. Community members have indicated that this partnership has made a difference in White Center and Seattle.

With A Little Help from Our Best Friends...



The Sheriff's Office expanded our Canine Narcotic Detection program in 2004. We now have seven teams (one canine and one handler each) trained to locate illegal drugs. Most of these teams are cross-trained to track fleeing or hiding criminals or assist with Search and Rescue. The K-9 Unit was instrumental in taking more than a million dollars of narcotics off the streets.

Our deputies continued to partner with Federal law enforcement and Seattle Police in a Violent Crimes Task Force.

Professionally Handling Serious Incidents and Major Investigations

Serving High Risk Warrants... In 2004, our SWAT team (TAC-30) completed its first full year of a new policy of working with our drug units to serve all high-risk search warrants. This policy protects the public and officers during these events, which are inherently dangerous. This policy increased the team's total missions from 54 in 2003 to 113 in 2004. As a result, no deputies were injured in the service of high-risk warrants.

Investigating Violent Crimes... After the successful Green River Homicides Investigation a subset of the task force became a federally-funded Violent Crimes Review Team. Started in 2004, this highly-skilled and experienced group has continued to investigate and review all female homicides and missing persons who potentially could have a nexus to the Green River investigation. In addition, they are working to resolve the cases of at least four remaining unidentified Green River victims.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address http://www.metrokc.gov/sheriff/news/green_river/all_missing/. The page has a green sidebar with navigation links: Home, Archives, > Green River, Crime Statistics, Seeking Information, Crime Prevention, Join the Team, Partners, What We Do, King County Courthouse, 516 Third Ave, Room YA-116, Seattle, WA 98104, 206-256-4155, TTY Relay: 711, and Emergency Dial 911. The main content area is titled 'Still Missing' and contains the text: 'These four women are listed on the official Green River Homicides list. They remain missing today.' Below this text are four photos of women, each with a caption: Kasee Ann Lee (16 years old, last seen August 28, 1982), Becky Marrero (19 years old, last seen December 3, 1982), Kelly Kay McGinnis (18 years old, last seen June 28, 1983), and Patricia Ann Osborn (19 years old, last seen October 28, 1983).

Cooperation is Key for Intelligence and Training

We continued to place great emphasis on cooperative efforts and information sharing with other agencies.

Intelligent Partnerships with Federal Agencies... In 2004, the King County Regional Criminal Intelligence Group (KRCIG) continued its strong leadership role in the development and formation of the Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC), an intelligence and information processing center with a primary focus on preventing and mitigating terrorism. The Intelligence Group is evolving into an effective regional partnership of local law enforcement agencies that collect, process, analyze, and distribute appropriate

information to law enforcement. Our goal is improving community safety and offender accountability.

Training Others to Investigate Firearms Crimes... In October 2004, we co-hosted the second annual Violent Crimes Investigations Conference at the Criminal Justice Training Academy in Burien. Over 250 law enforcement and forensic investigators attended this four-day course, which highlighted the investigation of crimes involving firearms.

Protecting and Engaging Our Children

The King County Sheriff's Office recognizes that a focus on today's youth is an investment into the future. Throughout 2004, the King County Sheriff's Office has focused on youth and youth activities and as a result, numerous youth in King County have benefited.

Party Patrol... In 2004 a regional effort was conducted to focus on underaged drinking during the time of school proms, graduations, and the celebrations that accompany the end of the school year. Representatives from virtually all police agencies in King County and numerous state agencies came together to focus on underaged drinking. During the time the joint party patrol was in operation, there were no fatal or serious injury alcohol related traffic accidents involving juveniles in King County.

Youth Violence Symposium... In 2004 the City of SeaTac Police Department and the King County Sheriff's Office helped to sponsor a Youth Violence Symposium. This symposium brought together a large cross section of the south King County community. The intent was to open a dialogue and create action steps to lower youth violence, decrease youth gangs and violent crimes in our communities. Awareness and education efforts were stressed. Relationships were formed and communication was increased

among the diverse groups of attendees.

SRO Program... Since 1994 the King County Sheriff's Office has worked with schools and communities to place officers within schools. These officers provide a positive law enforcement influence that concentrates on safety and security, encourages relationships between officers and students, and fosters education. The King County Sheriff's Office recognizes that schools must be safe places where students can learn free of intimidation and fear. In 2004, we worked with the King County Executive and Council to secure funding to provide School Resource Officers to unincorporated-area middle and high schools. Five districts now participate, and thousands of youth benefit from the involvement of our deputies in their schools and activities.

We also worked with schools to conduct drug education programs at their request.

We build strong relationships with youth to deter crime and help them toward positive life choices.



Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL)... In 2004 King County Sheriff's Office personnel participated in a national program called PAL. PAL is designed to give youth a positive way to channel their energies and to build strong relationships with law enforcement. The focus of PAL is to identify activities in which youth are interested. Police deputies also participate, building relationships and mentoring the youth participants. In 2004 the activities available through the PAL program included after school tutoring, a mentoring and partnership program and *Shop with a Cop*. In the *Shop with a Cop* program underprivileged children are given the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts with a King County Sheriff's deputy. In 2004 over 250 children took advantage of this opportunity.



Youth and Law Forum... In 2004 four King County Sheriff's deputies participated in the Youth and Law Forum, which was held in Seattle. The Youth and Law Forum provides an opportunity for youth and parents to interact with representatives of our legal community to learn more about how the legal system works for them and with them.

We continue to work toward legislation that will protect children exposed to methamphetamine and clandestine labs.

Protecting Drug Endangered Children... Our Special Assault Unit assembled a team of law enforcement and legal professionals, and lead an effort to develop best practice protocols for our Drug Endangered Children (DEC) project. This effort is focused on identifying children who are exposed to dangerous environments and social circumstances created by parents or caregivers who

manufacture or distribute dangerous drugs. These children are removed from the environment and provided appropriate health care and needed social services.

This protocol is now used as a basis for guidelines developed at the state level for use by other law enforcement agencies. We continue to work with the Washington State Legisla-

ture to enact new legislation designed to protect children whose parents expose them to the hazards and dangers of methamphetamines produced in clandestine labs. We are continuing our partnership with the King County Meth Action Team to support other local law enforcement agencies in the development and implementation of Drug Endangered Children responses.

We Participated in Regional Efforts for Emergency Management Coordination and Planning

The Sheriff's Office participation in Emergency Management was elevated in 2004 because of community concern and mandates from the Department of Homeland Security (HLS).

Training to Promote Local Preparedness... HLS mandates that all first responders be trained in the National Incident Management System 700 (NIMS) Training by the end of 2005. The Sheriff's Office began completing this training in 2004 so that all staff complete their training during 2005.

In addition, Demonstration Management Team (DMT) platoons received updated training and were deployed to missions in support of Redmond and Seattle. Personnel in various functions and precincts received updated Emergency Operations Center, emergency preparedness and

hazardous materials training. We also participated in tabletop exercises with other agencies to test the King County Disaster Plan and anti-terrorism responses. The precincts close to SeaTac Airport had concentrated training regarding airport perimeter security from TSA, which included missile recognition and hazard mitigation and security awareness.

Equipment and Infrastructure Upgrades to Ensure Continuing Operations... The Sheriff's Office issued new hazardous materials suits and masks to all deputies. In addition, the Shoreline Precinct received satellite phones for their emergency operations. Several precincts had security upgrades completed through in-progress capital improvement plans. In addition, threat assessments

were completed in other precincts identifying enhancements to their overall security to ensure safety for staff and community members.

We plan, train, and secure equipment to prepare for natural disasters and terrorism.

Implementing the Incident Command System (ICS)...

Another Homeland Security mandate is to have the NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) in place and utilized by all applicable staff. The Sheriff's Office has used the NIMS ICS for training in the past, so we will be able to practice incident and unified command while working across jurisdictional, agency, or discipline lines.

Our participation in the King County Regional Disaster Plan and the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan ensures a **manageable and integrated approach to emergency management through partnerships with a variety of public and private community partners.**



Fighting Crime with Good Information

Technology provides access to law enforcement information, which makes protecting the public and fighting crime easier and more effective.



Implementing Wireless Technology for Instant Access in the Field... Wireless technology will allow our deputies to access critical law enforcement data from the field. In addition, it will improve public safety by reducing radio congestion (ensuring availability for emergency communications) and by increasing the total amount of time each officer spends on the street by half an hour per day.

In 2004, the Sheriff's Office investigated and evaluated the fastest and most effective method for deploying wireless data communication. We prioritized our application needs, evaluated available wireless methods, and developed recommendations for initial implementation. In November, we were awarded a grant by the US Department of Justice COPS office for \$767,000 to implement wireless data communication for

King County Sheriff's Office and our 12 contract cities. This grant provides the necessary funding to purchase modems and wireless service for the first year. The Sheriff's Office will be able to implement wireless data communication in 2005 and

police information concerning them. When fully developed, RAIN will enable authorized users to search for people, vehicles, police reports, and mug shots from their in-car computers. During 2004, the Sheriff's Office and others

Wireless communications will increase the "on the street" time of each officer by half an hour every day.

2006, significantly empowering our officers to provide law enforcement services to our community.

Wireless technology supports public safety by providing access to the Regional Automated Information Network (RAIN), which is hosted by the Sheriff's Office. Criminals often cross jurisdictional lines and move much more quickly than

obtained \$1 million in funding through a homeland security grant to fund the RAIN rollout, configured and tested a pilot of the system, and scheduled a county-wide build out during 2005. In addition, we conducted tests to validate the system's security, developed a system so that the available data is updated hourly, and realigned grant funds to add a facial recognition component.

The Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) program

The King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program is levy funded and was approved by the voters of King County. The levy period is from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2005. Through careful management, AFIS postponed the need for additional funding through the end of 2006.

The King County Regional AFIS Program consists of an AFIS fingerprint-matching database and provides the primary infrastructure for all remote AFIS connections. It also supports Live Scan devices throughout the county, and the staffing of the King County Regional and City of Seattle fingerprint operations.

The Regional AFIS Advisory Committee Membership:

- John Amos, *King County Office of Management & Budget*
- Penny Bartley, *Renton Police Department*
- Don Berard, *Seattle Police Department*
- Clif Curry, *King County Council*
- Greg Doss, *Seattle Finance Department*
- Captain William Ferguson, *Bellevue Police Department*
- Chief Rick Kieffer, *Normandy Park Police Department*
- Merlin MacReynold, *Normandy Park City Manager*
- Marilyn Nault, *Regional AFIS Manager*
- Lieutenant Marc Olson, *Seattle Police Department*
- Assistant Chief Linda Pierce, *Seattle Police Department*
- Cathy Schrock, *Federal Way Police Department*
- Chief Denise Turner, *King County Sheriff's Office*

How Far We've Come...	Prior to 1988 AFIS Program	In 2004
Number of inmates fingerprinted at King County jails	50%	100%
Percent of liars identified prior to release from custody	1%	94%
Average turnaround for arrest identification	2 to 4 weeks	30 minutes
Local database size (number of records)	225,000	550,000*
Latent identifications without a suspect (Cold Hits)	0	1,493
16,060 Cold Hits made since inception in 1988 to May 31, 2005		

AFIS Regional Services

- Inmate finger, palm printing, and booking photos on all incoming subjects to the King County Correctional Facility, the Regional Justice Center, and Youth Services Division
- DNA collection on convicted offenders at the above facilities.
- Real-time identification
- Criminal history (rap sheet) creation
- Applicant and sex offender fingerprinting
- Fingerprint identification of unidentified deceased
- Crime scene callouts, latent comparisons and identification, and evidence processing
- Fingerprint database registry
- Court testimony
- Fingerprint training services for law enforcement
- Procuring and testing AFIS and Live Scan technology and ensuring compliance to standards
- Partnerships to electronically search latent and tenprints on WSP (Washington State Patrol), WIN (Western Identification Network) and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) databases.

With the AFIS Phase II upgrade, a fingerprint search against **half a million prints** now takes only 10 minutes.

Rapid Fingerprint Identification and Criminal History Updates...

In June, the King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) installed a major technological upgrade that has greatly enhanced our fingerprint identification and criminal history services.

In June 2004, we implemented the Phase II upgrade of software, equipment, and integrated services. Now, digital fingerprint images that are taken at Live Scan fingerprint machines come to our Ten-Print Unit and are sent directly into the AFIS database. The images are searched against over half a



million prints, and in approximately 10 minutes, a message is returned to the originating

Live Scan machine telling the user whether or not the prints had a match in the system, and to whom they belong. At the same time, the record is sent to our Data Specialists, who update the charge and demographic information. A few minutes later, the subject's state criminal history record and the FBI's Integrated AFIS also have the new information.

This change has exponentially improved our ability to quickly identify subjects in custody, update criminal history information immediately for background checks, and create a high-quality database for future latent print searches.

Preparing for a New Dispatch System

At the end of 2004, a contract was signed with Tiburon, Inc. for a new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system.

This system is based on up-to-date technology. It will play an integral part in supporting 911 call handling and dispatching operations, and will be a comprehensive source of workload

information. It will include a mapping subsystem to assist in locating callers, and will support the use of wireless handheld and car-mounted computers by deputies in the field.

The new system is slated to replace our existing 16 year-old CAD system in mid-2006.

Contract Police Services Continued to Provide Local Control and Savings

“Contracting with the Sheriff’s Office for our police services allows Covington to provide a more stable and wider range of professional police services at a far lesser annual cost than we could if we ran our own police department.

We have access to the entire range of specialty services along with our patrol officers, motorcycle traffic officers, and detectives -- including backup coverage from all deputies on duty within the county.

The police officers assigned to our city wear Covington uniforms, drive Covington Police cars, and act just like they would if they were city police officers.

We get high quality cost effective law enforcement services with very few if any of the headaches that normally come with running your own police department.”

Andy Dempsey
Covington City Manager and 2005
Contract Oversight Committee Chairman



The Sheriff's Office has offered police service contracts since 1973. Today, we serve over 200,000 people in 12 cities and towns*.

Cities exercise significant local control and maintain a city police identity. They receive the same commitment to the community and professional police services that they would have with a “stand alone” department, at a lower cost. In 2004, the average per-capita cost for our police services was about half that of comparable stand-alone agencies. Lower

The average police contract cost for our cities increased only 2.6% from 2004 to 2005.

police costs mean more efficient use of public tax dollars.

We also serve King County Metro, King County International Airport, the Muckleshoot Tribe, schools, and others through contract police services. They too exercise control of police decisions and benefit from cost savings.

In 2004, our contract program was assessed by a county budget proviso, which found that the program effectively recovers the costs associated with providing services.

In 2004, our city police chiefs secured over \$250,000 in grants exclusively for the cities they serve:

- Over \$140,000 for equipment such as in-car cameras and cell phones
- Almost \$100,000 for traffic enforcement, community policing and crime prevention programs
- Over \$25,000 for homeland security and emergency operations

** Contract cities are: Beaux Arts Village, Burien, Covington, Kenmore, Maple Valley, Newcastle, North Bend, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, Skykomish, and Woodinville.*

A Common-Sense Use Of Limited County Resources

Our resources come from the county general fund, criminal justice fund, AFIS Levy, contract revenue, and federal and state grants.

2004 Sheriff's Office Budget	\$117.4 million
Amount of Budget from General Fund	\$102.2 million
Revenue Generated by Sheriff's Office	\$45.6 million
Total Cost to Taxpayers	\$56.6 million

Over the last several years, King County's general fund crisis has resulted in recurring budget reductions to the Sheriff's Office. In response, we have implemented new strategies to use limited resources in the most efficient manner. For example, we made significant improvements in payroll processing during 2004 by standardizing business practices and developing an overtime database complete with intelligent searching and management reporting functions.

The Sheriff's Office continues to seek grant funds to supplement available county funds. Our successes in 2004 include:

- Funding for purchase of an additional marine vessel in 2005 or 2006. This vessel will greatly enhance our ability to respond to homeland security incidents and other emergencies.
- Funding for acquisition of video downlink equipment for the helicopters. With the funding, we are adding digital transmitters on two aircraft; ground receivers in the Seattle, King County, Pierce County, Snohomish County, and the Washington State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray; and mobile receivers in mobile command posts in the 3-county area.
- A grant-funded study to ascertain the feasibility of regional air support with partners in Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties and Washington State Patrol.
- Funding for protective equipment and training to address weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials incidents.

We are Committed to Strategic Planning

In the coming years, the Sheriff's Office will face a broad set of challenges that must be met in a strategic and rational manner:

- Increased annexation activity changes the number of people we serve and where we work but does not lessen the public's need for quality public safety services.
- Governments will continue to mandate new services and approaches to address issues such as terrorism, illegal methamphetamine, identity theft, domestic violence, and sex offenders... as well as traditional law enforcement functions such as arrests and reporting.
- Changing crime trends such as identity theft and computer crimes.
- The need for collaborative efforts in public safety to maximize efficiencies and meet broad needs.

**Strategic planning
helps us ensure
continued public safety.**

In 2004, we recognized that without careful analysis, the current trend could force decreased levels of Sheriff's Office protection for King County, and challenge our contract holders' ability to serve their residents. In response, the Sheriff's Office initiated a master planning project. This multi-year project will include an analysis of all department functions and workload information, goal setting, policy development, and resource deployment. In 2004, we identified the scope, developed a phase I workplan, and began initial data gathering efforts.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

Looking for a police career?

We're hiring men and women with a commitment to service, common sense, a can-do attitude, intelligence, compassion, and courage.



The King County Sheriff's Office has dozens of unique assignments that range from school- or community-based positions to drug enforcement and bomb disposal. We serve cities, suburban communities, rural areas, transit, and more.



We offer competitive wages plus paid training and time off, educational incentives, all uniforms and equipment, and paid medical, dental and life insurance for officers and their families.



Professional positions in our Communications Center and other units also may be available. These too offer competitive pay and benefits, as well as a rewarding career!



Visit: www.metrokc.gov/sheriff/join

Call us: (206) 205-KCSO